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## The King's Chamber

### A TRUE EXPERIENCE

By GEORGE B. HORTON

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SHE LOOKED UP with tear-dimmed eyes, and my soul was moved with compassion as she revealed the suffering of her soul. Earnestly I spoke to that tiny ember of hope within her, and tried to fan it into a flame.

Suddenly, her greatest need was satisfied. The truth that Jesus Christ would save her broke through her distressed mind, and her face revealed it. Then hope turned to joy, distress to happiness, the old creation to a new creation. Christ had blossomed as a rose in another heart.

It little mattered that stares came from others in the room who were not aware that they had witnessed heaven's crowning miracle—the new birth. Thus a hospital room became the King's chamber.

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# Editorial

## THE OBSCENE FLOOD

OUR AMERICAN NEWSSTANDS are virtually flooded with a growing spate of obscene literature. Using gaudy covers and slick format, these purveyors of filth call themselves "entertainment magazines" or "pleasure magazines." They are printed on quality paper, employ the finest layout designs and display the names of some of America's foremost writers. But make no mistake about it, they are dedicated to the glorification of evil. They are slicked-up versions of the cheapest pulp pornography.

The existence of such literature leaves a Christian depressed and sick at heart—sick that such dirt is published so brazenly and sicker still that the modern generation has become so lewd as to make such publications profitable and widely read. This libidinous literature breaks the spirit of the laws of decency if not the letter, also.

Emboldened by the daring and the success of the first magazine to break through the barrier of decency, a virtual stampede has followed by others that became increasingly vulgar and indecent. Where it will stop one can only guess. Virtue is ridiculed, marital fidelity is scorned, and decency is mocked.

These magazines, as messengers of a sex-obsessed age, are drumming out a dangerous message to their readers. They imply that the way of living which they portray is the sophisticated life, that what they report is what everyone is doing, that morality is nothing more than an outmoded pious pretense, that manliness is measured by licentiousness, and that all of life is a mad and merry orgy of sex and liquor. Their one message is the profanation of every sacred and decent concept of God and man.

The law has been unable or unwilling to cope with this rising tide of obscenity. Existing laws are often too broad and vague and the interpretation of those laws too narrow and technical for them to be effective. Even so, there should be a law within the Christian heart that will prohibit personal indulgence or sanction of such filth. No matter how slicked up and sophisticated it seems, it is still gutter material, provided for gutter minds. No Christian mind could revel in or feast upon such unadulterated exploitation of the flesh. Any person who could read or explore such things with pleasure is either sick or immature. The popularity of this pornography indicates a sickness in society. Any form of fascination for these magazines reveals a basic sensuality, which is a symptom

of emotional or psychological illness. Any sensitive or moral nature would be repulsed by such ideas as wife-swapping, moral uninhibition, the casting aside of all restraint, bacchanalian abandonment to the flesh, as are advocated or made appear as the modern norm. How much more so will a child of God be nauseated and sickened by it.

Perhaps no reader of the *Evangel* will need any warning, because any mind refined and spiritual enough to read of sacred and holy matters would by no means allow such smut into his mind. The great danger is what it is likely to do to our boys and girls. Parents should watch carefully the things their children read. It could be poison. Your son is able today to pick up at almost any magazine counter, reading material that will tell him that he is something less than a real he-man if he is decent or has any respect for anything that is decent. He may read that he is not living until he flings himself into the vortex of lust, passion and sensuality. Your daughter can similarly be instructed that if she pretends to hold her ideas of honor and virtue that she is outmoded and prudish.

One must also consider the dangers of the new rash of expose-type magazines that are also smearing their filth across the country. These scandal-mongers depend upon the desire of the modern mind for snooping, eavesdropping and Tom Peeping for their success. To what depths a mind must sink to find pleasure or entertainment in such gutter affairs. It is not so appalling that such trash will be printed, for there are always those who will violate every form of honor and decency to make a quick dollar, but that there is enough demand for the scandal sheets to make them popular. How foul the mind must be that strains through it the garbage of the godless.

Most of the scandal that is published has a grain of truth and a mass of innuendo. Much of it is simply untrue. But what can the victim do? When you fight a skunk, you are the loser even if you win. We have become the prey of a pack of literary vultures. Both the printing and the reading reveal the sad level of morals and intellect in our time.

Charles W. Cowan



"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them," Ephesians 2:8-10.

# FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

By Louis H. Cross

**T**HE APOSTLE in this scripture is again stressing the doctrine of justification by faith. In telling us that *we are His workmanship*, he is saying in the words of Phillips, "What we are owe to the hand of God upon us." Nothing that we accomplish is of ourselves. It is, therefore, irrational to point with pride to what we are or what we have done, save to the praise of Christ.

A study of human nature quickly reveals the need for the repeated emphasis given this great truth in the New Testament. A child upon learning to walk is eager to reject assistance. The experienced hand that guided and the wisdom of the parent that provided instruction is discarded. Left to his own inclinations, the child will proceed to a perilous position and injure or even destroy himself.

Likewise, many who have come from a position of limited ability, knowledge and wisdom, who were led by the hand of God, instructed by His Word, and anointed by His Spirit, upon viewing some measure of success, begin to feel adequate within themselves. Forgetting that *we are His workmanship*, they lose their grip on God, placing themselves, and oftentimes many others, in peril.

This passage also emphasizes that salvation cannot be achieved by working toward it. Often an invitation to come to Christ will produce such a response as, "When I get things fixed up," or "I am working on it," or "I am trying to get myself straightened out." Oh, that the foolishness of these statements could be understood! It is just as feasible for a pile of nuts and bolts and scrap iron to try to make an automobile of itself, or for a stack of lumber to attempt to make a building of itself, for there is no power within us by which we can save ourselves. Good works do not

precede, they follow salvation; for *we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works*.

I should like to address myself primarily to a third facet of this truth. In speaking of Christ, John 1:4 records, "In him was life and the life was the light of man." Again, in John 8:12, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." And in John 9:5, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." All of this may be easy for us to accept, but the full impact of the developing meaning comes when we read Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world"; Ephesians 5:8, "Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light"; Philippians 2:15, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Is it not indeed a sobering thought to realize that all the light that the world has today comes from our lives; that Christ is revealed to the world through us his handiwork, *for we are His workmanship*.

What does the world know of a large company? Few people know personally the head of the organization. Few people are acquainted with the executive committee, the managers, the supervisors, the foremen or the craftsmen. The company is judged by the product, by its workmanship. If the product is faulty, the company will be so judged; and if a quality product is marketed, the reputation of the company will be established. Few people in this world are personally acquainted with Christ. They know little of His church. But Christ and His church will be judged by our lives, *for we are His workmanship*.

Several years ago I was employed by a firm which desired to market

a new fiber. After many months of labor and research, the fiber was spun, the material woven and presented to a very capable clothier for tailoring. The very best craftsmen were commissioned to prepare garments from the material. After the garments were fashioned the answer came: "We cannot put our label on these garments; the most highly skilled workmen in our organization have attempted to make a quality product, but the material does not meet our quality specifications." Many more hours of preparation were required before the fiber found market acceptance.

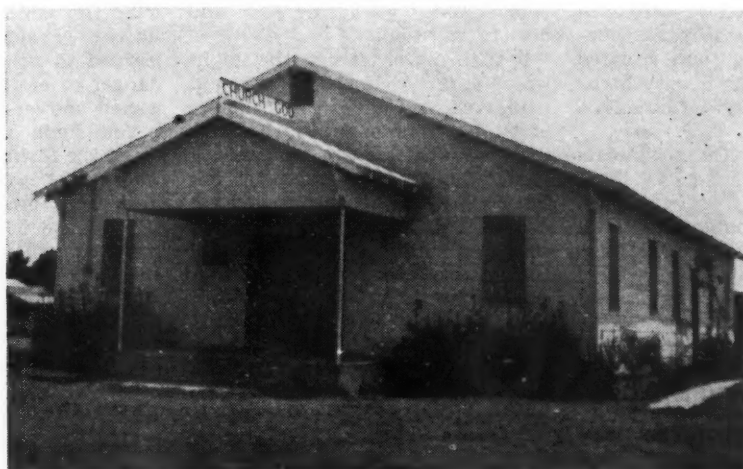
Are we worthy material to carry the label Christian? Do we meet Bible specifications? Are we worthy to represent His workmanship?

All of her life my grandmother enjoyed piecing quilt tops. There was a time when she matched the colors beautifully, stitched the pieces together evenly and produced a quilt that anyone would have been proud to display. But as her eyes grew dim, her strength waned and her judgment faded, the pieces were poorly mated, the patterns were crooked and there was no beauty in the product. One would have never known from the workmanship late in life the ability she once possessed.

Recently I heard a great preacher review the lives of Christian pioneers. He mentioned New Testament characters such as Paul and Stephen. He told of the great leaders in the early days of our organization, F. J. Lee, J. W. Buckalew, J. B. Ellis, and others. I began to wonder as he preached of these lives which so nobly portrayed Christ to the world whether my life, our lives today, create the same impression of God's ability.

Oh no, God has not changed, He has not grown old, or weak, or blind. "The Lord's hand is not shortened . . . neither is his ear heavy that it cannot hear." God can still fashion vessels of beauty and service, but the clay must be modeled in His hands. If there are flaws and imperfections and impurities, the vessel must be broken, crushed, the contamination purged and the vessel reshaped by the hand of God, *for we are His workmanship*.

We cannot accomplish anything worthwhile of ourselves; we cannot purchase redemption by our good works; but having been made new creatures in Christ, and having been born into a spiritual life, we can walk as children of light; we can be blameless and harmless. Realizing that all that our associates see of Christ is what they see in us, we can maintain a life that brings respect, honor and glory to His name. We can shine as lights in a dark and evil day, *for we are His workmanship*.



# The Story of a Church

*The true story of the Church of God now established in  
Arlington, Texas*

*By Barbara Moore Page*

**I**T WAS SUCH A beautiful Sabbath day, that Sunday in early March, 1953. The little building that had once been a grocery store fairly hummed with excitement. Several families, with faces beaming, took their places in the old opera seats which had been installed in the grocery store. The preacher took his place behind the pulpit, and the church service began. This was the first service for this particular Church of God, and who cared that it was housed in a former grocery store? We were working for God, and that's what counted. It was good then that we could not foresee the future.

The enthusiasm ran high for a few weeks, but as is always the case where the Lord is blessing, the devil decided it was time to step in and see what he could do to make things less pleasant. For one thing, the congregation was unable to continue worshipping in the little grocery store. Another building was located and the church was soon

installed in a former cafe, which really wasn't quite so neat as the grocery store. However, we were just as determined as ever to serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and prove that we could have a church. Several members of the congregation had dropped out for various reasons, and there were not quite so many persons to move into the other building.

All of us were quite thankful that the Lord had provided a place for us to worship. However, one thing about the old building caused me great concern; there was a leak in the gas line. One night the odor of gas was so strong that I couldn't enjoy the service at all—I was entirely too busy praying that the Lord wouldn't let the place explode before the service was over!

The church attendance had dropped to such an extent that each time visitors came to our church, it was almost pathetic to see the joy with which we received them. Each new face, old or young,

male or female, brought a surge of hope to our hearts, because here was a potential member.

One particular visitor made quite an impression on us. He was about four or five years of age, and was a very personable child. In Sunday School class he indicated that he would like to sing a chorus for us. We gladly consented, and he enthusiastically began singing a worldly song which was quite popular at that time. Nothing could dissuade that boy from singing that song; nothing we could say or do stopped him from completing his special. Time has erased the memory of the little fellow's face from mind, but I shall never forget his Sunday School rendition of "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes."

After several months of church services in the second building, we were forced to find still another location. It was summer, and happily so, because the next place we moved into consisted of a few poles with a roof on top. There were no

sides whatsoever, and we were open to the view of all who passed, because the "building" was situated just a few feet from a busy highway. We laughingly termed it a "drive-in" church.

As a general rule, Texas summers are extremely hot, but weather-wise, Texas is quite unpredictable. This particular summer, of all times, Texas weather became temperamental and did an about-face! Right in the middle of July, a cold rain began to fall and the temperature dropped to 63 degrees. You can imagine what a shivering little congregation we were then. Everyone sat as far away from the windy side as possible. Because of the dampness, it was necessary to keep the piano wrapped in a tarpaulin, and the singing was almost as dismal as the weather.

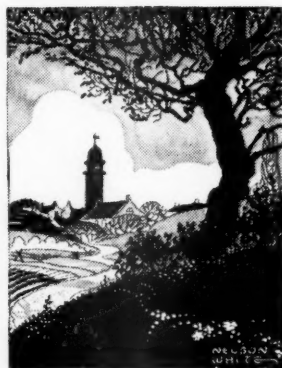
We didn't worship long in the open "tabernacle," and I must confess that I was glad to move away. An evangelist with a tent came our way just at the time we needed a place of worship. The tent was pitched in a vacant lot adjacent to a major highway and a railroad track, and the evangelist began a revival. It was really quite amusing the way all preaching or testifying had to cease while the trains passed by. We were so near the tracks, and the noise was so loud that we couldn't hear anything but the passing train. Whenever we heard a train whistle down the track, we braced ourselves for the roar that would soon follow, and hoped within our hearts that it was a short passenger train, and not a long freight.

Immediately after the revival, the church congregation decided to move into Arlington, Texas, a town about five or six miles from the church's originating point. There we found a building for rent that had once been, among other things, a saloon. It was a most undesirable building, but when the heart is willing, one can worship God in almost any type of surroundings. This building was to be our church home for the next two years. During those two years the Lord really blessed the church for its faithfulness during its forced wandering from place to place. The

congregation grew in size and also in spirituality.

I shall never forget the night when a dirty, bearded, unkempt man, obviously under the influence of alcohol, wandered into the service. A revival was in progress at that time, and the evangelist felt especially led to speak to that drunkard about his soul. As a result, that man was gloriously saved that night, and the change that came over him was remarkable. The next night he came to church, and it was hard to recognize him as the same man. Where before he had been dirty and unkempt, he now was nicely shaved and was wearing decent, clean clothes. Isn't our Saviour wonderful?

During the time we worshipped in the former saloon, the Lord blessed



us by making it possible for us to begin building a church. It was such a thrill to know that soon we would be worshipping in a real church building. A few weeks before completion of the building, we obtained a tent which we moved onto the church lot, and held services in it. Keeping the tent up was a little troublesome, since the wind blew quite a bit, and the children loved swinging on the ropes. After a heavy rainfall the tent would sag in several places from the weight of the water that was caught on top. When a particularly heavy gust of wind would blow into the tent and cause the top to move suddenly upward, all the water that had been trapped on the top would come splashing over the side. Those that were sitting

near the edges of the tent were likely to get splattered, and we soon learned to sit where there was no danger of getting a sudden, unexpected shower-bath!

You could not possibly understand the thrill that was ours when we were at last privileged to move into our church building; that is, if you have never experienced the wandering that our church experienced; or if you have never known what it is to worship in one undesirable, makeshift building after another.

So often today we take our privileges and our blessings for granted. We worship in our beautiful churches, and we do not always think of the heartbreak, the toil, the disappointments that went into the building of that church. For three and one-half years, our church wandered from place to place, seemingly unable to find a permanent abode. There were times when we despaired, when we felt that surely we were wasting our time. But all too often we reckon without God, don't we? The little congregation that experienced these wanderings found out that if they remained faithful, God would not disappoint them.

The Reverend J. W. Hume, the pastor who led our church during these hard years, is now retired because of ill health. Tribute should ever be paid to men of God who will shoulder heartache and despair for the sake of spreading the gospel.

It is interesting to note the changes that have taken place over the years. The little grocery-store-church-building of the beginning has been razed and a funeral home now stands in regal grandeur in that approximate location. The second building, the former cafe, is again a cafe, and the "tabernacle" with no sides or floor displays nursery stock. Only recently we drove past the old saloon that was our church for two years, and found it is now an antique shop. We look at all of these things, and down within us a gladness wells up that at last we are at home, and the building where now we worship has never housed anything but the Church of God.

# Revival Through a Working Church

By A. H. Batts

**I**N MARK 2:1-12 there is a very beautiful picture of a great revival. Jesus was the evangelist and the house was packed, with many standing in the door.

It was noised abroad that Jesus was in the house. The word *noised* suggests that the meeting was well advertised. Many revivals today are almost over before the people we want to reach know about them.

Someone has said that if the fire is burning and the power is falling, the revival will advertise itself. My answer to this is, "Advertise the meeting well and have the people there when the power falls so that the power can fall on them and not on the empty pews." The Old Testament Church advertised a revival by putting placards on horses and mules and riding them up and down the streets. They were laughed at, mocked and scorned, but a great revival broke out which was extended for an extra week.

The Scripture states that Jesus preached the Word unto them. Jesus was a Word-of-God preacher. He did not enter the pulpit to entertain with jokes and jests, good words and fair speeches to make people laugh. He said, "The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." He cried out, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me . . . Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish . . . I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

In this congregation there were four members who were not satisfied with a full-house attendance. They believed there was always room for one more. I would like to name these four members and at the same time pray that God will give every church some members just like them. The first member and leader of the group was

Brother Love; then, there are Brother Faith, Brother Unity and Brother Determination.

## *Brother Love*

The selfish may make their excuses, but Love never fails. Although the revival was going good, Brother Love kept thinking about a poor, sick sinner who lived only a few blocks from the meeting. He said to Brother Faith, Brother Unity and Brother Determination, "I feel this is the time for the man we have been praying for to be saved and healed."

When the four men came into the house of the palsied man, Brother Love said, "Friend, I have thought about and prayed many times for you. Today, I have brought some of my brethren from our church with me. They are Brother Faith, Brother Unity and Brother Determination. We have come to tell you about the wonderful things God is doing for us at our church. Sinners are being saved and sick bodies are being healed. We want you to share with us in these heavenly benefits."

## *Brother Faith*

Love is great, but without Faith, it is impossible to please God or have a revival. When Love finds a work to be done, a living Faith will move in and tackle the job. Brother Faith said, "Friend, I really believe if you will let us take you to our revival, God will save your soul and heal your body. I saw and heard Him pray for a certain woman who had fever, and she arose and ministered unto others. Two of His last miracles were the greatest: He cast demons out of one and cleansed another of leprosy. I also heard Him say that all things are possible to them that believe."

The palsied man said, "Brother Love, your heart-warming testimony has blessed me, and, Brother Faith, you have encouraged me very much. But how am I to get to your church? I have been in this

condition for years and cannot walk."

## *Brother Unity*

Unity is essential in having a successful revival. Brother Unity stepped forward and said, "Good neighbor, we will take you to the meeting. We will each take a corner of your bed and all of us, working together, will take you to Jesus."

For the critics, it must have been a "sight" to see four men carrying this sick man in his bed down the street. No doubt, some of them asked what this church would do next.

When they arrived at the revival, there was that usual number standing in the way. Jesus spoke one time of those who stand in the door and will not enter themselves and hinder others from entering.

## *Brother Determination*

Brother Determination said, "Brethren, I am determined that this group will not block our revival. We have started to Jesus with this man, and we are going all the way."

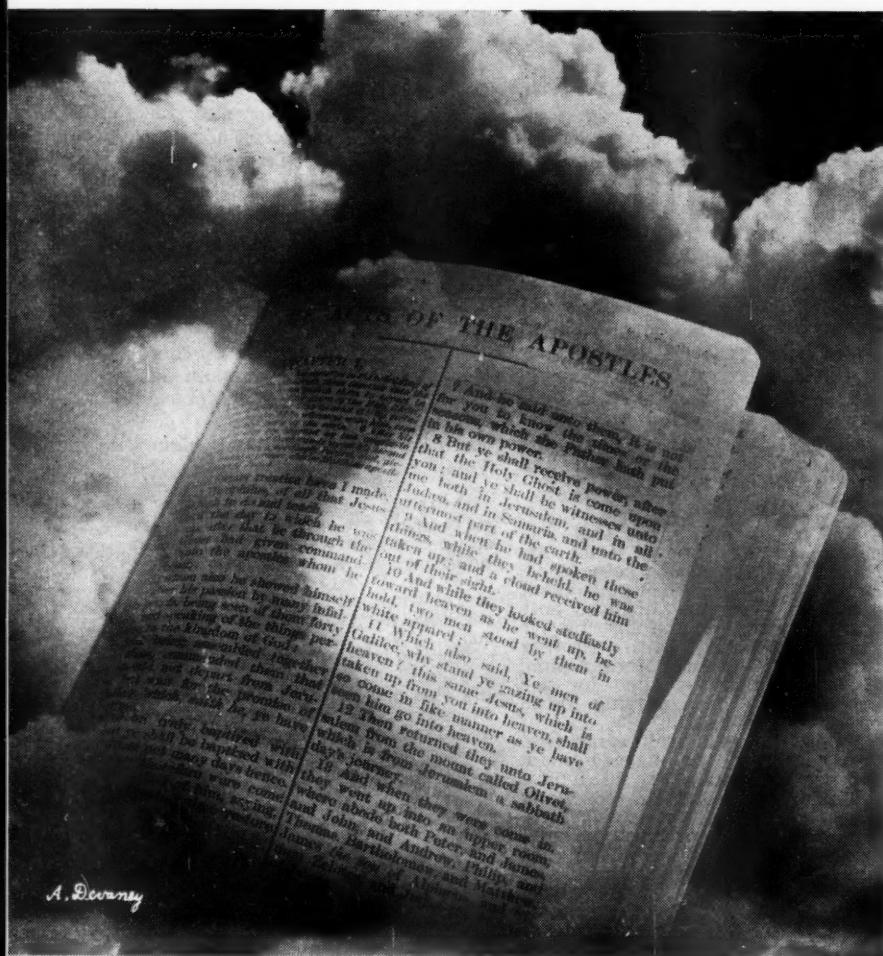
He laid aside his coat, pushed up his sleeves and climbed to the top of the building. They lowered the man on his cot through the roof to the altar.

When Jesus saw their faith in action, He said unto the sinner, Son, "Thy sins be forgiven thee; Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house."

Immediately he arose and, taking up his cot, walked down the aisles praising God, and all the people who saw him were amazed, and glorified God, saying, "Never did we see the like!"

This was a great revival, and any church that will advertise its services well, whose minister will preach the Word of God, and whose members will manifest the spirit of Love and the power of Faith, working together with Unity and Determination, will have a great revival today.





# Elements of Revival

By Edward L. Williams

*"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:14).*

THE TERM "revival" is a common expression among church people today. It is often used lightly or carelessly. Though the term "revival" does not appear in the Bible, there are scriptures which speak of reviving the people of God. God's Word says, in Psalm 85:6, "Revive us again: that thy people may rejoice."

There always have been revival efforts of one sort or another: membership revivals, financial revivals, building revivals; but there is a need for a revival of religion. Education, plans, and protracted meetings alone will not bring revival. Only by turning to God with a sincere heart will revival come.

Some are saying today that we do not have revivals like we use to have them. If this be true, what is the cause? Has the God of Moses, Elijah and Paul happened upon a period of inactivity when the world is in such desperate need? Oh, no, my brother and sister, God is today what He has always been. It is not necessary for Him to grow in grace and wisdom as He commands His children to do. He has not evolved; nor is He in the process of evolving. God always is. His wisdom and power are this day what they were when He lit the sword at the east entrance to the Garden of Eden, caused a pillar of fire to guide the children of Israel in the wilderness, lapped up Elijah's sacrifice, appeared before Daniel with such power and glory that his strength left him, sat in tongues upon the 120, and blinded the eyes of Saul of Tarsus. He is the same God that shall come in power and great glory to bring all nations unto Him on that notable Day of the Lord. It is no wonder that the Bible says, "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praise, doing wonders?"

## THE ELEMENT OF UNITY

The text, Acts 1:14 says, "These all continued with one accord. . . ." Thus, we see that unity is essential for revival.

These are days when churches are confronted with cliques instead of confidence, and the program of the church is decided by the whims of a few instead of the willingness of the majority. Our strength lies in unity. It has been said that, "united we stand; divided we fall, and a chain is no stronger than its weakest link." A man, in trying to teach a lesson on unity, pointed out that a single stick could easily be broken, but a bundle of sticks, tied securely together, could not be easily broken. The world and the powers of Satan are ready to rise up in great force against the believer, but by unity we are able to overcome. Je-



sus said, "the gates of hell shall not prevail. . .," e.g. "the forces of evil shall never overpower it" (*New English Bible*).

There is warmth in unity. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1). A coal of fire left to itself will soon burn out, but if raked together with other coals of fire, it will give out both heat and light. The world is plagued with disunity and the resulting atmosphere of coldness. But the church is to be a place of unity where the motivating force is the love of God and the resulting atmosphere is warm Christian fellowship. The world will be impressed by the warmth of our fellowship and will desire to turn from sin and receive Christ as their Saviour.

### THE ELEMENT OF PRAYER

In Acts 1:14 we are told that, "These all continued . . . in prayer and supplication," e.g. "all these are constantly at prayer together. . . ." (*New English Bible*). This scripture points out the necessity of prayer as an element of revival.

Many Christians reject the importance of prayer. These are days when the pew is prayerless and the pulpit powerless; party time is substituted for prayer time; the play room has taken the place of the prayer room; and church members average 3 minutes a day in prayer while the ministry averages 9 minutes. In many Pentecostal churches the mid-week prayer service has been called off to give the members more time elsewhere. As a result, the flame of revival burns low. Christians are losing the joy of their salvation, and countless souls go into eternity without God.

All through the Scriptures you will find that when believing prayers went up to God, the answer came down. Elisha prayed, and life came back to a dead child. Job prayed, and his captivity was turned. Paul and Silas prayed in the prison at Philippi, and they were released and the jailor converted.

Prayer is to be more than a form. Prayer must be prevailing prayer. Jeremiah said, "I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace." Paul, in writing to the churches of Galatia, said, "I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." Prevailing prayer will awaken the Christian to his own need, cause him to see the needs of a perishing world, create a bond of union between warm-hearted Christians, and will properly prepare a church to receive great blessings from God.

### THE ELEMENT OF THE WORD

Though the text does not point out explicitly that those present in the upper room had a deep appreciation for the Word of God, the thought underlies the whole book of Acts. The prophecy of Joel 2: 28, 29, concerning the outpouring of the Spirit, was the basis of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost.

There is a famine of the Word today in the lives of individuals. Once their hearts thrilled as they read eagerly the Word of God. For a long time one may enjoy the gospel and even rejoice in hearing the Scriptures explained; but after a while, if the Word is neglected or trifled with, it is possible for one to become hardened to the Word and to no longer heed it.

This famine of the Word is noticeable in the sanctuary. Here the gospel is rejected and the ministry silenced; the church is pro-

faned by worldly influences, and the worship of the true and living God has become a wearisome toil. The Scriptures tell us, "For the time will come when they will not stand wholesome teaching, but will follow their own fancy and gather a crowd of teachers to tickle their ears. They will stop their ears to the truth and turn to mythology." (*New English Bible*).

A positive proclamation of the gospel, presented under the anointing of the Spirit, supported by prevailing prayer and warmhearted fellowship, will always bring results. The results may be rejection, as when Stephen charged the leaders of the Jews with spiritual blindness, or reception, as when Peter preached and 3,000 believed. Whether it be in judgment or in salvation, let the Words of Life go forth. Let Christians return to their knees with oneness of heart until we are moved toward God and toward the lost of the world.

# LEAD SOLDIERS

By George E. Failing

EDITOR, "THE WESLEYAN METHODIST"

BENJAMIN Franklin once said, "Give me 26 lead soldiers and I'll conquer the world."

The lead soldiers are the 26 letters of the alphabet.

Lead soldiers are amoral. They have no convictions, right or wrong. They march with equal eagerness under a Khrushchev or a Kennedy, under a preacher or a dictator. They are willing to be placed on any fighting line. They are not rebuffed by criticism or discouraged by indifference.

Let no one think these lead men are not soldiers, that they cannot fight. The printed word of truth is so dangerous to error that entire printing establishments that dared to publish truth have been confiscated. The printed word is so helpful to the cause of injustice that every system of error majors on the distribution of literature.

So lead soldiers are fighting lead soldiers the world over—in home

and hovel and palace, on street, on the sea and in the air. Which army will be victorious? Lead soldiers fighting for truth have an inherent advantage because man's mind and conscience are predisposed to sanction truth, even though the will may choose to be led astray by error. But the lead soldiers fighting for truth are no stronger than their resources. They cannot fight well if they are too few or poorly equipped.

On home and world missionary fronts we are beginning to realize that a prime need is for more literature, for better literature, for more attractively printed literature, of all sizes and varieties and at costs that range from a penny-a-piece upward.

Christians who care must send out many millions of lead soldiers of truth and send them out with ample supplies—words well chosen and attractively "dressed."



## "...And His Way Past Finding Out"

By Bobbie Lauster

**A**LONE IN THE big stone church, standing on a green hillside in Germany, a young girl fought a terrible battle. Months earlier, after hearing Margaret Gaines speak, she had been definitely called to the mission field.

The girl was Elfriedi Wagner. She had given up her job to attend the first term of the Bible School. She felt the strong and gentle hand of Christ leading her. Now she was in the church praying and tarrying before God once more. After long prayer and much weeping, she was carried away in the Spirit. In a vision she told all her family and dear ones good-bye. Last of all, with a superhuman effort, she also told her sweetheart good-bye. Her life was to be dedicated to God on the mission field. She put all things behind her, in the vision, and then lay weeping and broken. Soon waves of peace and joy started pouring over her broken heart and she arose as calm as the face of a vast ocean and trustingly put her hand in the hand of God.

It came as a great surprise when her sweetheart, whom she had loved for years, but who had been indifferent to her, came and asked her to marry him. She knew that she had relinquished him entirely to God, but now she knew that God was giving him back to her. God is so wonderful. How often

He returns our sacrifice.

Months passed and always the vision of the mission field was as close as the air she breathed. It was her joy to talk about her call and to tell of what God had done in her life.

The joyful wedding day arrived. During the ceremony, the Spirit of God filled the church and bride and groom wept. It was a strangely moved audience that filed out of the church. It was the same church in which she had had the wonderful vision. Here where she had given up her loved one, she was getting him back. Each one

knew that he had witnessed a wonderful union.

Walter Greiner is the son of one of the oldest German pastors. Walter's parents and Elfriedi's parents were some of the first to receive the Pentecostal message. Now these two young people were united in marriage.

Walter went into the third and last term of Bible School. Elfriedi took a job to support him. Things seemed very good—too good in fact. She was soon earning a high salary and dreaming of material things. The vision started to dim; and, as she realized it, she cried out to God fearfully, "Oh God, strike me with illness if I begin to forget You and my glorious call." In a few days she started growing weak and ill. Her strength failed her and she often fainted. She suddenly remembered what she had prayed and immediately she quit the well-paying job and took another, but she continued to be weak and ill. Doctors ordered several weeks' rest, but it did not seem to help. Her health continued to fail and the young couple were in great distress. They began to seek God earnestly and He answered prayer.

Some months later they were expecting a baby.

A friend noticed lines of worry and sorrow on the girl's face and said, "I believe that I have a mes-



sage from the Lord to comfort you." Elfriedi listened attentatively as her friend said, "You know how definitely God called you to the mission field, and now since you are married and expecting a baby, you wonder how God will ever reconcile all the facts and bring such a thing to pass. You felt that your marriage was God's will and that He is blessing your union with a child, but it all looks impossible, doesn't it?" She raised her eyes and said that her heart was often heavy while pondering those very things. Her friend continued, "Often one is unable to carry out the call of God in his own life, but God will not recall the gift. One day your child may go to the mission field in your stead and carry out the wonderful call. God's ways are wonderful and past finding out, so trust Him for your future and that of your husband and child." With a grateful smile she thanked her friend and arose looking as though a great weight had been lifted.

April came and a little girl was born. With April came also the close of Bible School and the first graduation exercises. There was great rejoicing. Walter was one of the first graduates of the German Bible School.

The couple was given an appointment to a church in a distant town. They started making plans to move.

One day Elfriedi looked around her little house which the two had so lovingly papered, painted and furnished. She said, "It is not hard to leave this happy little house, but the hard part is knowing that I shall never return to live in it again."

Soon they were living in the parsonage of their new pastorate. The future looked rosy and bright. But Elfriedi did not forget her vision. It was around her day and night like a bright beacon. It seemed to grow stronger now.

Once again Margaret Gaines was in Germany for a short rest. Elfriedi requested her to come for a visit. One night the two talked until the early morning hours and Elfriedi told of the great burden on her heart for Tunisia, and how

long she had borne it. She wept and asked Margaret for advice. She asked, "Shall I unburden my heart to my husband? Shall I tell him how deeply I long for the mission field, and how I grieve for those in that country?" Margaret wisely counseled her to remain silent and to wait before God. She assured her that in God's time He would make everything perfect.

Pentecost Sunday was just a few days later; and at the time of the great meeting in Jerusalem, a convention was also being held in Germany. Margaret Gaines spoke for about fifteen minutes; and at the end of her message, she asked, "Has Germany no one she is willing to spend for God on the mission field?" A mighty moving of God passed over the body of people.

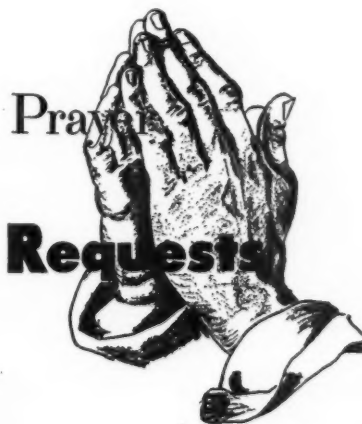
Brother Herman Lauster asked if God had touched and called anyone in that hour. They were told to come forward. Elfriedi looked up and saw her husband standing at the front. He had become the sacrifice. She felt the joy of the Lord surge through her, for at last she saw God's plan coming into focus.

Far away in Jerusalem at al-

most this precise moment, Brother Aultman was discussing Tunisia with those vitally interested. He said, "We do not have one person in all America whom we can send to Tunisia to help Sister Margaret." He was then asked, "Have you ever considered sending a European couple? Those saints in Germany have prayed for many years that God would call someone from among them to go to the mission field. They have had Tunisia on their hearts since Sister Margaret's earlier visit. The German saints have prayed much for Tunisia. We feel that God is ready to send someone. 'The time is ripe.' How exactly correct God's timeclock is! He had been preparing a wonderful couple for several years, and at last the time was fulfilled.

In Germany an offering for this venture was taken. It amounted to \$425.00 and was given within a few minutes. God moved upon hearts that Pentecost Sunday, both in Jerusalem and in Germany.

Walter and Elfriedi Greiner are ready to go to the mission field. They want to go as quickly as possible. Their hearts are happy and the German Church of God is proud to send out such a couple.



Pray that my sister will be released from the hospital and that she will be saved. Also pray for the healing of my body.  
—George Cook

Pray for the healing of a friend who is dying of cancer.  
—Lula Bain  
Route 1  
Mentone, Ala.

Pray for our son Troy. God knows the trouble.  
—Jessey Capshaw Smith  
Detroit, Michigan

Pray that the Lord will heal me of cancer. I need His help.  
—Ella Ruggles  
205½ N. 3rd St.  
Ironton, Ohio

Pray that the Lord will heal my husband. He has had a nervous breakdown which has affected his mind. Please pray for us.  
—Mrs. J. R. Run  
Rt. 1, Collins, Mo.

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Paul Seagraves' nine-month-old baby boy who has cerebral palsy. Pray for a very urgent unspoken request. Also pray for my healing.  
—A sister in Christ

Pray earnestly that my brother will be saved and healed of cancer. Also pray that my husband will be saved.  
—A sister in Christ

Pray for my children to be saved and for my brother to be healed and saved.  
—Lizzie Ramsey  
34 Devenport  
Dayton, Ohio

Pray that my husband will be able to find a job.  
—Mrs. Carl C. Thomas  
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Gary, W. Va.

Pray that the Lord will completely heal my body. Also pray that my son will be healed of back trouble.  
—A sister in Christ



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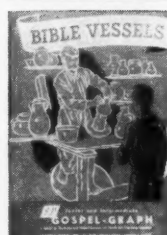
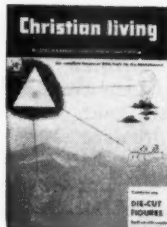
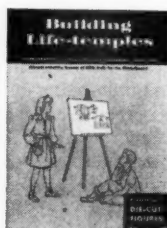
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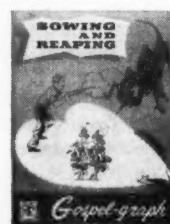
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# testimonies

## Growth Under Eye Drops Off

NEWPORT, Tenn.—I should like to give a testimony of the healing of my daughter, Shellah. A growth appeared under her eye. Almost everyone would say that I ought to have a doctor remove it but I knew the greatest of all physicians, Jesus, could take it off. And, praise God, after much prayer, it came off on a wash cloth. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Some people have the mistaken idea that Jesus just healed in the Biblical days, but thank God, through our faith, He still heals today. I thank God for all my blessings. I would say to all those having hard problems to solve, just to depend upon Jesus; never quit trusting in Him. Just when everything looks the darkest, He will step in and lighten our way if we will let Him.

—Mrs. Doris Metcalf

## Delivered From Incurable Eye Condition

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—I should like to tell you how graciously God has healed my eyes. I have had a very rare eye condition called *Kerataconus*, where, in time, I would gradually lose my sight because of pressure building up and making the cornea of my eye to lose shape. I went to the doctor last Friday and he is very thrilled with the progress I have made in such a short while. This is an incurable eye condition so you can see how marvelous God really is.

—Barbara Clark

## Faith for Infected Ear

PLYMOUTH, N. C.—I have been blessed so many times. God saved, sanctified, and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I am eleven years old and am a member of the Plymouth, North Carolina, Church of God.

This year, for my third year, I

went to camp at Charlotte, North Carolina. When I returned home from camp, my right ear became infected and the pain was unbearable. Our pastor, Brother Frank Petrucelli prayed for my ear several times. My ear would not heal. Finally, my left ear started hurting also. I promised God if He would heal my ears I would send my testimony to the *Evangel*. At last the pain left me and I thank God for it.

Pray for me that I will live a clean life.

—Sylvia Jethro

## The Lord Is My All

SEDALIA, Mo.—The Lord has helped me to be the overcomer in a battle with Satan. The devil seemed to have me bound spiritually, but the Lord undertook for me. Praise His holy name. He has healed my body many times.

He is my helper when I need help, my counselor when I need counseling, my healer when I need healing. He is the light of the world and I always want to let His light shine through my life that I may lead others to the cross to find Jesus as their Saviour.

Please pray for me that I will always stand true to Him.

—Fay Vansel

## "I Know How It Happened"

CLIO, Mich.—I want to thank God for what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I belong to the West Flint Church of God. I praise God because He has all the healing power that He ever had and I know He still hears and answers prayer.

In October of 1957, I went to the hospital for tests and X rays. They found a tumor at the base of my brain on the pituitary gland. Every day (except Sunday) for 30 days I had X-ray therapy. I knew that God could do anything so I prayed and was prayed for in church several times. I wrote Brother Roberts and attended a crusade in Detroit. In June of 1959,

they wanted more head X rays; I started praying, "Lord, when they take these tests just let the tumor be gone. Have them tell me they can find no trace of it."

But the report was "no change." It hadn't grown any, but it was still there. I kept on praying and others were praying. I told God if He never healed me I would not doubt His power because I knew without any doubt that He still heals. In June of this year, they made more X rays and I still prayed they would say, "We can't find a trace of the tumor." I went back to my doctor to get the report and he read it to me in all its big medical words. I asked him to tell me so I could understand just what it all meant. He read the first sentence and explained it. Reading on through to the last he said, "That means they can't find a trace of the tumor. It is gone. You don't have it any more." Praise the wonderful name of Jesus! He used almost the exact words I had been praying to hear. I told him how I had been prayed for, and that God had taken it away. He said, "Well, it certainly isn't anything I have done and nothing the other doctors have done, so keep on believing the way you do." I don't know when it happened, or where it happened, but I know how it happened. God just took it away. To Him go all the praise and glory. He is so real and wonderful to me and I love Him with all my heart. Therefore, I desire your prayers that I will be what He would have me to be. I want to be a blessing to others and a soul-winner for Him.

—Mrs. E. W. Taylor

## Set Free From Intensive Pain

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C.—I promised the Lord if He would heal me of an awful headache, I would testify of my healing through the *Church of God Evangel*. I had gone to many doctors to try to get some relief but the pain in the back of my head got worse.

I went to Chapel Hill Hospital three times for tests. The doctor told me I had arthritis in my neck and head and there was nothing that could be done for me but to give me medicine to help ease the pain. I cannot take dope because it goes against my heart. I had stood the pain so long and I knew that unless God came to my rescue I would lose my mind. Thank God there were prayers for my healing, for God healed my head of that pain. I am still praising the Lord for it.

Pray for me that I will do God's will and be what He would have me to be. Pray for my loved ones to be saved.

—Sophronit R. Frazier



## revivals

### Gloster Church Has Great Revival

GLOSTER, Miss.—The Gloster Church of God recently closed a wonderful revival with Brother and Sister Wiley as the evangelists. There were 9 saved, 5 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 1 was added to the church and 2 more by transfer. Several wonderful healings were also witnessed.

Brother and Sister Wiley did some wonderful preaching and really blessed our church.

—Thelma McManus, reporter

### Terre Haute Has Youth Revival

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—We have recently closed one of the greatest soul-stirring revivals in the history of the Terre Haute Church. It was rewarding to be present and to witness the moving of the Spirit of God in the services, and to see the enthusiasm displayed by the young people as they responded to the Holy Ghost. There were 8 saved and a number of others blessed.

We were privileged to have Rev. B. L. Kelley and his wife, who are the State evangelists of Michigan, with us. The church was greatly blessed as Rev. Kelley expounded the Word of God, and as he and Sister Kelley used their musical ability to enhance the services.

The Terre Haute Church is showing marked progress under the capable leadership of Rev. and Mrs. John A. Morrison, our pastor and his wife.

—Dorothy Austin, clerk

### Wonderful Outpouring in Kokomo, Indiana

KOKOMO, Ind.—God gave us a wonderful revival at the Lordeman Street Church of God in Kokomo, Indiana. The power of God was present every night in a wonderful way, with the altar filled with seekers in every service.

Rev. Bernard L. Shults of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, was our evangelist. He preached the Word of God each night under the mighty anointing of the Spirit. Eleven were saved, 5 sanctified, 1 filled

with the Holy Ghost, 6 united with the church, and 5 were baptized in water.

We humbly praise God for the way He is blessing our church here. We plan a building program in the very near future.

—Avery Lane, pastor

### Week End Refreshing at "A" Avenue

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The "A" Avenue Church of God recently enjoyed a week-end revival. On Wednesday night, June 7, our pastor, the Rev. L. A. Robinson, announced he felt led of God to have a week-end revival the following Wednesday night with the Rev. Von Smith as evangelist. Brother Smith preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost each night for four nights. Three were saved, 4 sanctified, and 3 received the Holy Ghost. Old-time shouting, singing, and praises to God filled the church each night. We praise God for these wonderful services.

—Mrs. Hazel Brewer, clerk

### Endwell Blessed With Revival

The Endwell Church of God wishes to report that it has just closed a wonderful revival with the Rev. Rudell Bloomfield.

During this revival, there were 13 souls saved, 6 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water and 5 added to the church.

Our entire church was blessed by this revival, and we are giving God the praise for this. I can highly recommend Brother Bloomfield as a man of God who preaches the good old-time religion.

—Roy Baldwin, pastor

### Great Revival At Oakwood Church

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—We have closed a two-week revival at the Oakwood Church of God in Knoxville in which many received experiences with the Lord, and 9 were baptized in water. Crowds were outstanding despite the fact that the church had only been out of a

revival one week. Even electrical storms at church time did not hinder the people from coming out.

Waves of glory swept over the audience night after night. Brother E. K. Waldrop is a wonderful pastor; and as a result, he has a model church.

The people became mission-minded during the downpour of the Spirit, and enough money was given to build two rural churches in South America which will be accredited to the Oakwood Church of God.

—C. B. Donohue, evangelist

### Soul-stirring Revival at Jasper

JASPER, Tenn.—God granted us a soul-stirring revival at Jasper, Tennessee, with Brother Elmer Barbary doing the preaching. Twelve testified to being saved; 3 were sanctified, and 3 received the Holy Ghost and 2 were baptized in water. Some will unite with the church. The church was blessed, and a number of new people are now coming to the church.

—G. H. Coppinger, clerk

### Great Things Happened at Mineral Bluff

MINERAL BLUFF, Ga.—Glorious things happened at the Mineral Bluff House of Prayer during a four-week revival. God wonderfully saved 42 and filled 37 with the Holy Ghost. We are indeed grateful for this great outpouring of God's power.

Our good pastor, Wilkes Sullens, from the Harmony Church of God in Suches, Georgia, and Curtis Woods are truly sincere, consecrated people who are very much appreciated by everyone.

—Hazel Stover, reporter

### Palmetto Church Experiences Wonderful Revival

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—The Palmetto Church of God, which has just been set in order, recently closed a three-week revival. There have been 17 saved, 5 sanctified, and 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost. There also have been many healings. Pray for us that God will give us many more souls.

—Lloyd H. Davis, pastor

### Sweet Spirit Prevails at Williams Springs Church

STEWART, Miss.—The Williams Springs Church of God has just closed a week's revival conducted



by the pastor, Rev. Sam G. Gerrard. Every service was blessed with the sweet Spirit of God. This revival has placed a greater determination in the hearts of the people who love the Lord and want to serve Him each day.

When the church got on fire for God, as it did in this revival, we saw the Spirit of God as it was manifested in the hearts of the people.

We wish to give God all the praise for His presence during this revival. —*Balfour Morgan, clerk*

### Greatest Revival in Years at Sale Creek

SALE CREEK, Tenn.—The Sale Creek Church of God has just closed one of the greatest revivals it has had in many years. There were 33 saved, 13 sanctified, 11 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 22 baptized in water, and 21 united with the church. We give God all the praise for this great revival. The evangelist was Emory Millican. I can recommend him to any church that wants holiness preached.

—*W. I. Head, pastor*

### Great Awakening at Tallahassee

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—The Tallahassee Church of God recently closed a three-week revival with the Rev. C. B. Donohue of Chattanooga, Tennessee. His great, soul-searching messages and the good Lord's presence gave the church a great awakening. Several were saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Seven were added to the church. Six were baptized in the new baptism. God's presence was with us in every service. There were several healed and many encouraged by the mighty presence of God.

Brother Donohue, with his unique style, gave us the Word of God; and, without any special effort, 34 men came to the altar the last night of the revival to consecrate themselves anew to God.

—*B. L. Alford, pastor*

### Eight Saved at Selma

SELMA, Calif.—Rev. R. E. Burnham, pastor, reports that in our revival with Brother and Sister R. D. Cook, there were truly showers of blessings. God was with us in a great way every night. At times the Holy Ghost took over the service completely. The singing was wonderful and a great blessing to all of us.

During this revival, there were 8 saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the

Holy Ghost, 5 added to the church, and 10 baptized with water. Brother and Sister Cook are wonderful workers for God. They are very much appreciated by our church.

—*Linda Smith, reporter*

### Twenty-Six Saved in Bartow's Revival

BARTOW, Fla.—The Bartow Church of God enjoyed a most outstanding four-week revival in July with Eva M. McCullough as the

evangelist. Twenty-six were saved, 22 sanctified, 20 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and 9 were baptized in water. This was Sister McCullough's second great revival at the Bartow Church. She held her first revival here about three years ago.

Sister McCullough is certainly a very dedicated and consecrated Christian. She is a very dynamic preacher and a great altar worker. It was certainly a privilege to have her with us for this revival.

—*Donald K. Koon, pastor*

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